

NCLIS MINUTES

APRIL 9 AND 10, 1984
WASHINGTON, D.C.

- Members Present : Helmut Alpers; Gordon M. Ambach; Charles Benton; Carlos A. Cuadra; Paulette H. Holahan; John E. Juergensmeyer; Bessie B. Moore; Jerald C. Newman; Philip A. Sprague; Margaret S. Warden; William J. Welsh; Julia Li Wu; and Elinor M. Hashim, Presiding
- Staff Present : Toni Carbo Bearman; Sarah G. Bishop; Dorothy Pollet Gray; Diane Yassenoff Rafferty; Mary Alice Hedge Reszetar; Gerald J. Sophar; Carl C. Thompson; Christina Carr Young; and Barbara Lee Whiteleather, Recording Secretary
- Guests Present : Mary Ghikas, Universal Serials and Book Exchange (USBE); Jan Beck Ison, Lincoln Trail Libraries System; Terry Scrogum, Champaign, Illinois; Eileen D. Cooke, American Library Association, Washington Office; Peyton R. Neal, Information Industry Association; Dan Carter, Texas Instruments; Susan Randolph, Bureau of Economic Analysis; John A. "Pat" Murhpey, Jr., State Librarian, Arkansas State Library, Little Rock, Arkansas; Bridget L. Lamont, Director, Illinois State Library, Springfield, Illinois; Elliot Shelkrot, State Librarian, State Library of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Robert Willard, Information Industry Association; William G. Asp, Director, Department of Education, St. Paul, Minnesota; Ruth Patrick, Mansfield Library, University of Montana; Joseph F. Shubert, State Librarian, New York State Library, Albany, New York; James W. Fong, Library of Michigan; Gary E. Strong, State Librarian, California State Library, Sacramento, California; Joseph J. Anderson, State Librarian, Nevada State Library, Carson City, Nevada; Nettie B. Taylor, State Librarian, Maryland State Department of Education, Baltimore, Maryland; Clarence R. Walters, State Librarian, Connecticut State Library, Hartford, Connecticut; Meredith A. Yancey, Washington, D.C.; Trudie A. Punaro, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Robert Lee Chartrand, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Barbara Weaver, State Librarian, New Jersey Department of Education, Trenton, New Jersey.

CHAIRMAN'S
REMARKS

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The guests were welcomed by the Chairman on behalf of the Members of the Commission and were asked to introduce themselves. They were reminded that as guests and observers, the Chair asks that they not seek recognition to participate in discussions. The Chair may ask guests to participate in Commission discussions if she deems it appropriate.

The Chairman made two announcements:

- (1) On March 8, 1984, the United States Senate considered and unanimously confirmed the nomination of Dr. Bessie B. Moore for reappointment to the NCLIS for a term expiring July 19, 1988.
- (2) Mr. William Welsh will be awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of Notre Dame (which is his alma mater). The Commissioners received a copy of a letter from the Chairman to Mr. Welsh congratulating him on behalf of the Members and staff.

CHAIRMAN'S
REPORT

Since the January 1984 Commission meeting, the Chairman has participated, or will participate, in the following meetings and conferences:

- (1) Testified before the House and Senate appropriations subcommittees.

There were a number of Congressmen present at the House hearing. There were many questions asked and much interest displayed about the work of the Commission -- particularly the Cultural Minorities Task Force Report and the planned program for the elderly.

The Senate hearing was chaired by Senator Weicker, the only Senator present. Senator Weicker expressed great interest in censorship as it relates to libraries and library collections. He requested that the Commission do a study for his Committee regarding censorship and libraries. A letter will be prepared by the staff for the Chairman's signature offering the Commission's assistance.

For the record, Dr. Moore added, "Our Chairman is talented, poised, well-informed, and she answers questions quite well, no

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matter who she is testifying before." The Commissioners and staff applauded Miss Hashim.

- (2) On April 12, Miss Hashim will meet with Senator Stafford to discuss the Senate version of LSCA. She will report to the Commission on the meeting.
- (3) Attended the "Libraries and the Learning Society" Seminar on public libraries sponsored by the Department of Education on January 31 and February 1, 1984, in Boston, Massachusetts. (A full report is appended to the minutes as Attachment I.)

MOTION
APPROVAL
OF
MINUTES

It was MOVED by Gordon Ambach, and seconded by Helmut Alpers, that the minutes of the January 5 and 6, 1984, meeting be approved as submitted. The motion was passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR'S
REPORT

Dr. Bearman presented oral updates to the Executive Director's Report, January through March 1984. Dr. Bearman noted that it is her intention to continue to make the Executive Director's Report as brief as possible.

- (1) The final report of the White House Conference on Productivity entitled, "Productivity Growth -- A Better Life for America," will be released around April 16. The staff had an opportunity to review and comment on the draft report, and are pleased to report that the final report emphasizes the importance of information, and that two recommendations make specific reference to information and the private sector:

Recommendation (1): Private sector organizations should focus attention on improving technology, quality, and information resources; and

Recommendation (3): Private sector organizations should establish productivity measures and improvement goals for all employees, especially for information/white collar workers who comprise the growing majority of the workforce, and for all other measurable capital and materials resources.

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The staff has requested fifty copies of the report which will be sent to each Commissioner upon availability.

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- (2) On March 23, a meeting of the U.S. National Committee for the UNESCO/PGI Bureau was held in the NCLIS office. Bernard Johns, our UNESCO liaison from the State Department, gave a full report on the recent evaluation of U.S. participation in UNESCO, the plans for participation and monitoring during 1984, and the plans to identify alternative mechanisms to accomplish the objectives of UNESCO, should the U.S. carry out its intention to withdraw. A subcommittee of the U.S. National Committee was established to gather information and draft a proposal for alternative mechanisms to accomplish the objectives of the PGI. The committee's proposal is due to the State Department by mid-September. A full report of the meeting is available upon request.

Dr. Bearman has agreed to attend the USIA Book and Library Advisory Committee meeting in June in Washington, D.C., to make a presentation about the Commission and its activities. Staff of the USIA have offered to explore ways to assist the Commission with funds for participation in upcoming international conferences. In addition, the Committee has asked NCLIS assistance in helping them with plans for their participation in the Frankfurt Book Fair.

- (3) As previously reported, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has been seeking a vendor to disseminate perishable marketing data and marketing news. On March 26, the Department issued an RFP requesting technical and price proposals for the electronic storage and dissemination of perishable domestic and foreign agricultural marketing data and marketing news reports. The RFP calls for public and private dissemination of the data and information. Bids are due on May 14.

At the suggestion of Mr. Sprague, the staff will approach the Department of Defense to request resources to study the problem of timely retrieval of military publications needed by researchers and others not available through the Department of Defense Technical Information Center.

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DIRECTOR'S
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The following comments were made regarding the Executive Director's Report:

-- Mr. Sprague praised the contents of the Executive Director's report and stated that it 'keeps getting better and better'.

-- Dr. Moore stated that she finds it very helpful when the staff incorporates their personal views and objective comments. (This technique will be continued, when appropriate.)

-- Mr. Ambach suggested that the Executive Director's Report and the Program Activity Report be integrated. Dr. Bearman pointed out that they were previously combined; however, it seemed to be helpful to present the progress on the program areas separately from the one-time events and administrative matters. (Dr. Bearman made it clear that even though it is called "Executive Director's Report," the report is from the full staff.)

In the context of program budgeting and reporting and to show where the resources go, Mr. Ambach suggested that it is important to see the overall staff energy directed toward those programs. Dr. Bearman pointed out that, with the exception of the administrative items, all reported activities fit into the NCLIS program budget outline.

It was agreed that the future reports would be clustered together according to the four broad program areas. The Executive Director's Report will contain only highlighted items of special interest, under the program area categories, when appropriate, and administrative matters.

MOTION
NRISDP
NAME
CHANGE

It was MOVED by Margaret Warden, seconded by William Welsh, that the name of the National Rural Information Services Development Program (NRISDP) be officially changed to National Rural Library and Information Services Development Program (NRLISDP). The motion was passed unanimously.

Dr. Bearman explained that the word "Library" was not included in the FY 1984 budget statement submitted to the Office of Management and Budget and Congress in 1982. The program description, however, makes it very clear that the program is for library and information services.

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Mr. Sprague requested additional information on the Joint Committee on Printing (JCP). Dr. Bearman stated that presently JCP is revising Title 44 Regulations for the Dissemination and Printing of Government Publications. In addition, an ad hoc committee of JCP, composed of librarians and people from the information community, is looking at ways to disseminate information from the government in machine-readable form. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Peyton Neal provided additional information. He reported that the second draft report of the ad hoc committee is expected to be available for the Public Printer's Depository Library Council when they meet later in the week. Mr. Neal believes that one of the committee's recommendations will be to ask Congress to appropriate funds for a two-year pilot project of selectively supporting and making some federal machine-readable databases available to selected Depository Libraries.

Dr. Bearman reported that NCLIS did not submit comments on the draft because of its highly controversial nature. She stated that this decision was made, after consultation with the Chairman, for three reasons: (1) Preparing comments would take an extensive amount of time and would require legal expertise, which the staff does not have; (2) Both the library and information community were responding to a first, very rough draft that would be totally rewritten and our role might be to comment on their comments; and (3) The Executive and Legislative Branches are at odds with each other in this matter.

Dr. Bearman stated that as a Commission that advises both the Executive and Legislative Branches, it would not be appropriate to take sides. Dr. Bearman suggested to the Chairman that NCLIS not comment on the first draft because it is likely there will be many changes, and for the Commissioners to decide if they wished to comment on the second draft.

Mr. Juergensmeyer asked that the staff keep the Commissioners well informed and up to date on this topic and Dr. Bearman said this would be done.

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Because of the many programs, meetings, and activities contained in both the Executive Director and Progress reports, it was decided to allow additional discussion time for this topic on future agendas.

The usefulness of continuing to include background information and previous accomplishments in the Progress Reports was discussed. The majority of the Commissioners favored continuing this practice.

NATIONAL
COUNCIL ON
QUALITY
CONTINUING
LIBRARY AND
INFORMATION
SCIENCE
EDUCATION

Because the Commissioners lacked a quorum during Dr. Ruth Patrick's presentation at the January Commission meeting, she was invited to request again NCLIS sponsorship of the National Council on Quality Continuing Library and Information Science Education.

Dr. Patrick, Council Chair, was accompanied by Mr. William Asp (the Council's first chair in 1980). On behalf of the Council, they requested the Commission's assistance by: (1) endorsing, supporting, and recognizing the important work of the Council, (2) promoting and publicizing the Council's existence through NCLIS mailings, speeches, and news releases, and (3) providing NCLIS staff to assist with telephone conference calls.

MOTION
NATIONAL
COUNCIL

It was MOVED by Gordon Ambach, seconded by William Welsh, that the Commission (1) endorse, support, and recognize the important work of the National Council on Quality Continuing Library and Information Science Education; and (2) promote and publicize the Council's existence and worthwhile program through NCLIS mailings, speeches, and news releases. The motion carried with two "no" votes. (Paulette Holahan; Bessie Moore.)

In addition, it was MOVED by Paulette Holahan, seconded by Bessie Moore, that the Commission provide minimal staff time in assisting the National Council on Quality Continuing Library and Information Science Education with up to four telephone conference calls per year of fewer than five persons. The motion was passed unanimously.

COSLA

Mr. Elliot Shelkrot, Chairman, Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA), and Mr. Gary Strong, Vice Chairman, were invited by the Chairman to present information on COSLA.

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COSLA is an independent organization of the men and women who head the state and territorial agencies responsible for library development. Its purpose is to provide a continuing mechanism for dealing with the problems faced by the heads of these agencies which are responsible for state and territorial library development.

COSLA's membership consists solely of the top library officers of the 50 states and one territory who are responsible for library development, and variously designated as state librarian, director, commissioner, or executive secretary.

COSLA works within a committee structure. The current committees are: Legislation; Liaisons with NCLIS, the Library of Congress, and the Department of Education; Networking; and ad hoc special committees. The various committees study and develop policy for COSLA on a variety of issues, e.g., LSCA reauthorization. Statistics are collected on state library activities and support for library aid at the state and federal level. Copies of the collected statistics, and the latest study on state library agencies were distributed.

In describing California and its library system, Mr. Strong stated, "The State has accepted the responsibility that libraries are part of the life-long learning process and provide resources for citizens to achieve outside of the formal education system."

At Mr. Juergensmeyer's request, Mr. Strong summarized the effect of Proposition 13 in California. Mr. Strong stated that since 1978, public libraries in California have reduced by 20 percent the number of hours the libraries are open, cut the workforce by 10 percent, and reduced the buying power for library materials by 29 percent.

The Commissioners adjourned for lunch at 12:15 p.m.

DEPARTMENT
OF
EDUCATION
SEMINARS

Because a written report was not available for insertion in the meeting notebook, Miss Hashim gave a brief oral report on the Department of Education Seminar on Public Libraries, held January 31 and February 1, 1984, at the Boston Public Library. This report is appended to the minutes as Attachment I.

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Dr. Moore attended the seminar on Library and Information Science Education, University of California at Berkeley Library School, February 8 and 9; Mrs. Holahan attended the seminar on School Libraries, Dallas Independent School District, February 13 and 14; Mrs. Warden attended the seminar on Public Libraries; and Dr. Bearman attended the seminar on Academic Libraries, Joseph Regenstein Library, University of Chicago, February 6 and 7. Reports on each of these seminars were included in the meeting notebook.

The Commissioners discussed appropriate next steps regarding the report on "A Nation At Risk." Miss Hashim reported the Department of Education held a fifth seminar on "Linkages" as recommended by NCLIS. Mr. Ambach was invited but was unable to attend.

NARS

The Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m. to attend the presentation by Dr. Robert Warner, United States Archivist, and to tour the National Archives and Records Service (NARS).

Tuesday, April 10, 1984

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

LIBRARY
AND
INFORMATION
SERVICE
NEEDS OF
THE AGING

Dr. Moore updated the Commissioners on the Commission's Program on Library and Information Service Needs of the Aging.

An NCLIS proposal was presented to the Administration on Aging (AoA) for \$55,000. The proposal called for the establishment of a Blue Ribbon Panel to examine the library and information needs of the elderly as well as current practices in providing services to satisfy these needs. The Panel would be composed of persons knowledgeable about work with the aging -- service providers, educators, gerontologists, policy makers, and library and information professionals. The Panel would consist of 12-15 persons, meet 2-3 times over a five-month period, and issue a report no later than 30 days after the last meeting of the Panel.

The AoA informed Dr. Moore that, by law, they are prohibited from providing grants to federal agencies other than the ones mentioned in their law. They did offer, however, to place the Commission's project on their list of projects to be recommended for funding elsewhere.

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In addition, the AoA offered to work out an interagency agreement with the Commission. The interagency agreement would call for AoA to publicize libraries and to urge their field agencies to include libraries in their programs.

COSLA has expressed interest in this project and has prepared a questionnaire on library and information services to the elderly. Questions inquired about amount and percentage of service, cooperation, programs, promotion, service to centers, nursing homes, congregate housing, exemptions, volunteer use, and rural services. Forty-seven of the 50 states have responded. Copies of their responses were distributed. These responses -- in the form of statistics -- were included in Dr. Moore's written testimony urging that libraries be eligible for grants in the reauthorized Older Americans Act.

Mr. Benton suggested that both the Foundation Center in New York and Mr. William Kirby of the MacArthur Foundation in Chicago be contacted for funding suggestions for the aging project. It was agreed that a letter to Mr. Kirby could possibly 'start the ball rolling.' Mr. Benton was warmly thanked by Dr. Moore for his suggestion and offer of assistance.

HIGHER
EDUCATION
ACT

A packet of legislative material, including information on the Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, prepared by the American Library Association was distributed.

As a point of reference, Mr. Ambach outlined the portions of the Higher Education Act pertaining to library and information services:

Title II-A

College Library Resources

FY 1984 Appropriation:	-0-
FY 1985 Authorization:	\$35,000,000
FY 1985 Reagan Request:	-0-
FY 1985 ALA Recommendation:	30,000,000

Title II-B

Library Training, Research & Development

FY 1984 Appropriation:	\$880,000
FY 1985 Authorization:	35,000,000
FY 1985 Reagan Request:	-0-
FY 1985 ALA Recommendation:	10,000,000

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ACT

Title II-C

Major Research Libraries

FY 1984 Appropriation: \$ 6,000,000

FY 1985 Authorization: 15,000,000

FY 1985 Reagan Request: -0-

FY 1985 ALA Recommendation: 15,000,000

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In briefly describing the status of the Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, Mr. Ambach stated there is a possibility that the Senate may attempt to hinge HEA Title II (HR 5210) to the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) (which is up for reauthorization). H.R. 5210 includes the provision that there would be an appropriation to the NCLIS of approximately \$75,000 to study the effectiveness of the criteria for the distribution of the Title II-A grants on a need basis and report to Congress by September 30, 1988. H.R. 5240 has a similar requirement for the National Institute for Education to conduct the study.

LSCA

Mr. Ambach summarized the recent history of the reauthorization of the LSCA.

The question of whether or not to approach Congressman Paul Simon regarding NCLIS' concern about combining HEA and LSCA was discussed. The majority of the Commissioners expressed interest, readiness, and willingness to undertake the study called for in H.R. 5210. Mr. Sprague offered to talk with Mr. Simon: (1) to express the Commission's interest in undertaking the study; (2) to point out that his bill calls for NIE responsibility for the study; and (3) to ask Mr. Simon if he had objections to NCLIS "forging" ahead with the Senate in the event that the bill does not go forward in the House.

ROBERT
CHARTRAND
INFORMATION
POLICY
ACTIVITIES

As part of the Commission's continuing education, Mr. Robert Lee Chartrand, Senior Specialist in Information Policy and Technology for the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress, was invited to address the Commissioners on information policy activities in the Legislative Branch. (10:15 a.m.) Miss Hashim introduced Mr. Chartrand stating, "Bob has been an invaluable partner and friend of the NCLIS, especially during the WHCLIS conference."

Mr. Chartrand handed out the following CRS publications:

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- (1) Information Policy: Public Laws from the 97th Congress, March 1983;
- (2) Issue Brief: International Data Flow Issues;
- (3) Issue Brief: Supercomputers: Foreign Competition and Federal Funding;
- (4) Report: Information Services for Agriculture: The Role of Technology;
- (5) Report: Videotex: The Technology, Policy Implications, and Status of an Emerging Industry.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Chartrand urged that when working on library legislation that there be a calculated effort to work with the key staffs on the Hill.

The major categories of legislation (over the last three Congresses (95th to 97th Congress)) in the area of federal information policy, are:

- (1) Telecommunications, Broadcasting, and Satellite Transmissions.
- (2) Information Disclosures and Confidentiality and the Right of Privacy.
- (3) Government Records, Documents, and Paperwork (Federal Information Management, Information Resources Management).
- (4) Information Inventories, Programs, and Clearinghouses.
- (5) Copyright.
- (6) Dissemination of Information.

Mr. Chartrand cited the following statistics:

95th Congress -- 74 bills passed into law in the information policy and program area;

96th Congress -- 87 bills passed into law in the information policy and program area;

97th Congress -- 39 bills passed into law in the information policy and program area;

98th Congress -- Prediction is that "well below 39" bills will be passed into law in the information policy and program area.

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Mr. Chartrand briefly described the various bills and activities before this year's Congress, including the LSCA amendment and extension; HEA, Title II (HR 5210); Communications Act of 1934; Institute for Information Policy and Research (H.R. 480); Increasing Charitable Contributions and Allowances by Contributing Computers to Schools and Educational Institutions; Computer Crimes (H.R. 1092); and Reorganization of the National Communications Activities of the Federal Government.

There was a brief question and answer period. On behalf of the Commission, Miss Hashim thanked Mr. Chartrand for his presentation.

THE ROLE
OF FEES IN
SUPPORTING
LIBRARY AND
INFORMATION
SERVICES

A draft outline on "The Role of Fees in Supporting Library and Information Services" was distributed for Commission review and comment.

Dr. Cuadra stated that the paper on fees for library and information services will outline: (1) what one should know, (2) what is knowable, and (3) what should be thought about. The paper may or may not contain recommendations for Commission actions. It is expected that the paper will be drafted -- in time for the July Commission meeting -- by an outside person, working with the NCLIS Committee. This will be an agenda item for the July meeting.

Mr. Ambach suggested, and the Commissioners agreed, to defer action on WHCLIST resolutions #2 and #8 pending decision on NCLIS overall program for fiscal year 1986.

IFLA 1985

Mr. Juergensmeyer reported that the Ad Hoc Committee on IFLA 1985 continues to meet and plan. Current plans call for the Information Center to be the focal point of the Conference. All types of resources for the Center are being sought and suggestions are welcome. (11:30 a.m.)

REPORT
PROGRAM
REVIEW
COMMITTEE

Mr. Alpers reported on the meeting of the NCLIS Program Review Committee held on February 20, 1984. Members of the Committee are: Helmut Alpers, Chair; Charles Benton; Carlos Cuadra; Paulette Holahan; John Juergensmeyer; Bessie Moore; Margaret Warden; Julia Wu; Elinor Hashim, Ex Officio; and Toni Carbo Bearman, Ex Officio. The Committee's charge was to develop a list of

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suggested program areas for FY 1986 for discussion by the entire Commission at its April 1984 meeting.

Minutes of the Committee meeting, outlining the suggested program areas and suggested specific objectives, were included in the meeting notebook.

The suggested program areas were:

- (1) Using Information Effectively;
- (2) The Information Environment in the 1980's;
- (3) Information Policy;
- (4) Improving Access to Information;
- (5) Library and Information Education; and
- (6) Economics of Information Products and Services.

The Chairman asked for additional suggestions for program areas before beginning the decision-making process.

Mr. Juergensmeyer pointed out that, in his opinion, the program areas are not goal-oriented. He reiterated his dream to "promote the building of a national information system for the ordinary citizen." To have "universal access," Mr. Juergensmeyer urged answers to the following questions: How do you attain universal access for the ordinary citizen: What are the gaps, weaknesses, possibilities? How do you raise the level of the already existing system? How do you get access for the ordinary citizen to the technology network that will exist 5-10 years from now.? What are the steps we take to obtain this goal in five to ten years from now? How will our activities fit into this goal?

The Commissioners convened again after lunch at 2:00 p.m.

FY 1986
PROGRAMS

After discussing and ranking the proposed topics for NCLIS programs for Fiscal Year 1986, the Commissioners agreed on the following potential programs:

- (1) Learning to find and use information effectively;

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- (2) The information environment (in terms of the evolving societal and cultural role of libraries and of technological developments) of the 1980's;
- (3) Improving access to information;
- (4) Information for economic development;
- (5) Information for governance;
- (6) Information policy; and
- (7) Objectives and goals of the NCLIS.

At its July 9-10, 1984, meeting, the Commission will make its final decision on the programs.

Mr. Juergensmeyer noted the length of the "Work with the Executive, Legislative, Library/Information Community portion of the Program Report as compared to the other program areas. Dr. Bearman pointed out that all programs included under Work With the Executive, Legislative, and Library/Information Community fit within one or more of the Commission's other programs. It was agreed to incorporate the work with the Executive, Legislative, and library/information community within the other major programs.

UNITED
SERIALS
AND
BOOK
EXCHANGE

Ms. Mary Ghikas, Executive Director of the Universal Serials and Book Exchange, Inc. (USBE) was an observer at the meeting and was asked by the Chairman to say a few words about USBE. Ms. Ghikas stated that USBE (formerly known as United States Book Exchange) was organized in 1948. Its main objective is to promote and improve the communications, dissemination, and use of such information and knowledge for the benefit of libraries or other educational organizations. Its membership, which is rapidly growing, is open to any library that serves a constituency and is an institution or part of an institution or organization.

On behalf of the Commissioners and staff, Miss Hashim thanked Ms. Ghikas for her presentation.

UNESCO

The Commissioners discussed recent developments with regard to U.S. participation in UNESCO. Dr. Bearman stated that the State Department has

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requested NCLIS, through the U.S. National Committee for UNESCO's General Information Program (PGI), to undertake the following three tasks:

- (1) To make sure that the U.S. community remains actively involved in PGI until 1984;
- (2) To monitor any changes in PGI and to report these changes to the State Department; and
- (3) To explore alternative mechanisms and make recommendations for U.S. involvement.

Mr. Juergensmeyer expressed particular interest in this topic, and specifically asked the staff to keep him well informed.

MOTION

It was MOVED by Jerald Newman, seconded by Helmut Alpers, that the Commission adopt the following resolution:

UNESCO

WHEREAS, The United States of America has decided to withdraw its membership, support and funding activities from UNESCO in the event certain changes are not made in UNESCO operations.

BE IT RESOLVED That in the event that the United States does withdraw its membership, NCLIS will withdraw its support on UNESCO matters on the same basis and timing as official United States policy regarding this matter.

The motion was passed unanimously.

MOTION

It was MOVED by Margaret Warden, seconded by Paulette Holahan, that the Commission adopt the following resolution:

NABRIN

BE IT RESOLVED That a study and planning committee be convened by the NCLIS to examine and evaluate the concept of a National Advisory Board on Rural Information Needs (NABRIN), determine if there is a need for such a board and what its purpose would be, provided the U.S. Department of Agriculture supports this effort, and

That the planning committee be charged to prepare a report by June 30, 1984, if at all possible, or as soon thereafter as it can, on NABRIN's purpose, functions, alternative institutional locations, possible membership formats and organizational structures, and funding mechanisms.

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The motion was passed unanimously.

WHCLIST

Returning to the discussion of the WHCLIST Resolutions #2 and #8, the Commissioners deferred action pending input from various sources on the publication, "A Nation At Risk". The staff was asked to remind WHCLIST of the Commission's interest in and commitment to the WHCLIS resolutions and to inform them that NCLIS is now in the process of setting its program agenda for fiscal year 1986.

DATES FOR
FUTURE
NCLIS
MEETINGS

The next two Commission meetings will be held in Washington, D.C., Monday and Tuesday, July 9 and 10, 1984, and on Wednesday and Thursday, October 3 and 4. The meetings will begin at 10:00 a.m. on the first day.

The Commissioners reviewed the draft agendas for these two meeting. The Chairman reminded the Commissioners that all requests for items to be placed on the agenda are due one month prior to the meeting.

MOTION

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

It was MOVED by Gordon Ambach, seconded by Helmut Alpers, that an Executive Session be convened on Tuesday, July 10, 1984, to discuss personnel matters. The motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

ATTACHMENT I

ORAL REPORT

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SEMINAR ON
PUBLIC LIBRARIES

January 31 and February 1, 1984
Boston Public Library

Elinor M. Hashim
NCLIS Chairman

The discussion paper for the seminar was entitled, "Public Libraries and Excellence: the Public Library Response to "A Nation At Risk" prepared by Douglas L. Sweizig, Library School, University of Wisconsin. The paper discussed: (1) some of the particular challenges facing public libraries as they attempt to respond to the report. These challenges are the decline of literacy in the information society, construction and economic support for public libraries, and the increased sameness of available information; (2) developments in the public library; and (3) constraints and limiting realities.

The report made the following assumptions:

--Public libraries should have materials and services which will enable those no longer in school to acquire the five "New Basics" (English, mathematics, science, social studies, and computer science).

--The average community can expect that almost half of its adults will visit or phone the library in a year. But, when asked to think of places to get information, less than 5% name the public library.

--Public libraries can add the service of obtaining access to published and unpublished materials from governmental agencies and become much more active in the use of the Freedom of Information Act on behalf of their patrons.

--Public libraries can support efforts in their communities to reform curricula and spur increased achievement.

--The absence of professionally qualified librarians in many of our public libraries should be addressed.

--The state library agency should assess the needs for public libraries not only to reach adequacy, but to foster excellence.

--The importance of the public library as an educational institution needs to be given stronger voice at the federal level.

--Public libraries need to make the educational function much more visible.

Five discussion groups were established to focus on:

(1) How can public libraries initiate and promote the process of lifelong learning from pre-schoolers to senior citizens?

(2) How can public libraries work with schools and colleges to coordinate the programs, both to improve basic education and develop habits of lifelong learning?

(3) How can public libraries promote the educational functions so that citizens perceive the library as a community learning center?

(4) How can the profession provide formal education and continuing education so that public libraries can contribute to the development of a learning society?

(5) What role should public libraries play in eradicating illiteracy and stimulating new readers to continue reading and participate in democratic processes?

The 35 participants each chose a single discussion group. Miss Hashim selected the discussion group on library education. The group developed the following statement of commitment and six recommendations:

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Recommendations concerned (in no particular order):

- (1) Recruiting and marketing;
- (2) Curricula of the library schools;
- (3) Faculty expertise and consulting;
- (4) The role of internships;
- (5) The level of education; and
- (6) Continuing education.

The participants were not asked to draw conclusions or reach consensus on priorities. There will be a transcript of the conference as well as a formal report.

UNESCO
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requested NCLIS, through the U.S. National Committee for UNESCO's General Information Program (PGI), to undertake the following three tasks:

- (1) To make sure that the U.S. community remains actively involved in PGI until 1984;
- (2) To monitor any changes in PGI and to report these changes to the State Department; and
- (3) To explore alternative mechanisms and make recommendations for U.S. involvement.

Mr. Juergensmeyer expressed particular interest in this topic, and specifically asked the staff to keep him well informed.

MOTION
UNESCO

It was MOVED by Jerald Newman, seconded by Helmut Alpers, that the Commission adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The United States of America has decided to withdraw its membership, support and funding activities from UNESCO in the event certain changes are not made in UNESCO operations.

BE IT RESOLVED That in the event that the United States does withdraw its membership, NCLIS will withdraw its support on UNESCO matters on the same basis and timing as official United States policy regarding this matter.

The motion was passed unanimously.

MOTION
NABRIN

It was MOVED by Margaret Warden, seconded by Paulette Holahan, that the Commission adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED That a study and planning committee be convened by the NCLIS to examine and evaluate the concept of a National Advisory Board on Rural Information Needs (NABRIN), determine if there is a need for such a board and what its purpose would be, provided the U.S. Department of Agriculture supports this effort, and

That the planning committee be charged to prepare a report by June 30, 1984, if at all possible, or as soon thereafter as it can, on NABRIN's purpose, functions, alternative institutional locations, possible membership formats and organizational structures, and funding mechanisms.

NABRIN
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The motion was passed unanimously.

WHCLIST

Returning to the discussion of the WHCLIST Resolutions #2 and #8, the Commissioners deferred action pending input from various sources on the publication, "A Nation At Risk". The staff was asked to remind WHCLIST of the Commission's interest in and commitment to the WHCLIS resolutions and to inform them that NCLIS is now in the process of setting its program agenda for fiscal year 1986.

DATES FOR
FUTURE
NCLIS
MEETINGS

The next two Commission meetings will be held in Washington, D.C., Monday and Tuesday, July 9 and 10, 1984, and on Wednesday and Thursday, October 3 and 4. The meetings will begin at 10:00 a.m. on the first day.

The Commissioners reviewed the draft agendas for these two meeting. The Chairman reminded the Commissioners that all requests for items to be placed on the agenda are due one month prior to the meeting.

MOTION

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

It was MOVED by Gordon Ambach, seconded by Helmut Alpers, that an Executive Session be convened on Tuesday, July 10, 1984, to discuss personnel matters. The motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

ATTACHMENT I

ORAL REPORT

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SEMINAR ON
PUBLIC LIBRARIES

January 31 and February 1, 1984
Boston Public Library

Elinor M. Hashim
NCLIS Chairman

The discussion paper for the seminar was entitled, "Public Libraries and Excellence: the Public Library Response to "A Nation At Risk" prepared by Douglas L. Sweizig, Library School, University of Wisconsin. The paper discussed: (1) some of the particular challenges facing public libraries as they attempt to respond to the report. These challenges are the decline of literacy in the information society, construction and economic support for public libraries, and the increased sameness of available information; (2) developments in the public library; and (3) constraints and limiting realities.

The report made the following assumptions:

--Public libraries should have materials and services which will enable those no longer in school to acquire the five "New Basics" (English, mathematics, science, social studies, and computer science).

--The average community can expect that almost half of its adults will visit or phone the library in a year. But, when asked to think of places to get information, less than 5% name the public library.

--Public libraries can add the service of obtaining access to published and unpublished materials from governmental agencies and become much more active in the use of the Freedom of Information Act on behalf of their patrons.

--Public libraries can support efforts in their communities to reform curricula and spur increased achievement.

--The absence of professionally qualified librarians in many of our public libraries should be addressed.

--The state library agency should assess the needs for public libraries not only to reach adequacy, but to foster excellence.

--The importance of the public library as an educational institution needs to be given stronger voice at the federal level.

--Public libraries need to make the educational function much more visible.

Five discussion groups were established to focus on:

(1) How can public libraries initiate and promote the process of lifelong learning from pre-schoolers to senior citizens?

(2) How can public libraries work with schools and colleges to coordinate the programs, both to improve basic education and develop habits of lifelong learning?

(3) How can public libraries promote the educational functions so that citizens perceive the library as a community learning center?

(4) How can the profession provide formal education and continuing education so that public libraries can contribute to the development of a learning society?

(5) What role should public libraries play in eradicating illiteracy and stimulating new readers to continue reading and participate in democratic processes?

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NCLIS MINUTES

**APRIL 9 AND 10, 1984
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

- Members Present** : Helmut Alpers; Gordon M. Ambach; Charles Benton; Carlos A. Cuadra; Paulette H. Holahan; John E. Juergensmeyer; Bessie B. Moore; Jerald C. Newman; Philip A. Sprague; Margaret S. Warden; William J. Welsh; Julia Li Wu; and Elinor M. Hashim, Presiding
- Staff Present** : Toni Carbo Bearman; Sarah G. Bishop; Dorothy Pollet Gray; Diane Yassenoff Rafferty; Mary Alice Hedge Reszetar; Gerald J. Sophar; Carl C. Thompson; Christina Carr Young; and Barbara Lee Whiteleather, Recording Secretary
- Guests Present** : Mary Ghikas, Universal Serials and Book Exchange (USBE); Jan Beck Ison, Lincoln Trail Libraries System; Terry Scrogum, Champaign, Illinois; Eileen D. Cooke, American Library Association, Washington Office; Peyton R. Neal, Information Industry Association; Dan Carter, Texas Instruments; Susan Randolph, Bureau of Economic Analysis; John A. "Pat" Murhpey, Jr., State Librarian, Arkansas State Library, Little Rock, Arkansas; Bridget L. Lamont, Director, Illinois State Library, Springfield, Illinois; Elliot Shelkrot, State Librarian, State Library of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Robert Willard, Information Industry Association; William G. Asp, Director, Department of Education, St. Paul, Minnesota; Ruth Patrick, Mansfield Library, University of Montana; Joseph F. Shubert, State Librarian, New York State Library, Albany, New York; James W. Fong, Library of Michigan; Gary E. Strong, State Librarian, California State Library, Sacramento, California; Joseph J. Anderson, State Librarian, Nevada State Library, Carson City, Nevada; Nettie B. Taylor, State Librarian, Maryland State Department of Education, Baltimore, Maryland; Clarence R. Walters, State Librarian, Connecticut State Library, Hartford, Connecticut; Meredith A. Yancey, Washington, D.C.; Trudie A. Punaro, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Robert Lee Chartrand, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Barbara Weaver, State Librarian, New Jersey Department of Education, Trenton, New Jersey.

CHAIRMAN'S
REMARKS

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The guests were welcomed by the Chairman on behalf of the Members of the Commission and were asked to introduce themselves. They were reminded that as guests and observers, the Chair asks that they not seek recognition to participate in discussions. The Chair may ask guests to participate in Commission discussions if she deems it appropriate.

The Chairman made two announcements:

- (1) On March 8, 1984, the United States Senate considered and unanimously confirmed the nomination of Dr. Bessie B. Moore for reappointment to the NCLIS for a term expiring July 19, 1988.
- (2) Mr. William Welsh will be awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of Notre Dame (which is his alma mater). The Commissioners received a copy of a letter from the Chairman to Mr. Welsh congratulating him on behalf of the Members and staff.

CHAIRMAN'S
REPORT

Since the January 1984 Commission meeting, the Chairman has participated, or will participate, in the following meetings and conferences:

- (1) Testified before the House and Senate appropriations subcommittees.

There were a number of Congressmen present at the House hearing. There were many questions asked and much interest displayed about the work of the Commission -- particularly the Cultural Minorities Task Force Report and the planned program for the elderly.

The Senate hearing was chaired by Senator Weicker, the only Senator present. Senator Weicker expressed great interest in censorship as it relates to libraries and library collections. He requested that the Commission do a study for his Committee regarding censorship and libraries. A letter will be prepared by the staff for the Chairman's signature offering the Commission's assistance.

For the record, Dr. Moore added, "Our Chairman is talented, poised, well-informed, and she answers questions quite well, no

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REPORT
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matter who she is testifying before." The Commissioners and staff applauded Miss Hashim.

- (2) On April 12, Miss Hashim will meet with Senator Stafford to discuss the Senate version of LSCA. She will report to the Commission on the meeting.
- (3) Attended the "Libraries and the Learning Society" Seminar on public libraries sponsored by the Department of Education on January 31 and February 1, 1984, in Boston, Massachusetts. (A full report is appended to the minutes as Attachment I.)

MOTION
APPROVAL
OF
MINUTES

It was **MOVED** by Gordon Ambach, and seconded by Helmut Alpers, that the minutes of the January 5 and 6, 1984, meeting be approved as submitted. The motion was passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR'S
REPORT

Dr. Bearman presented oral updates to the Executive Director's Report, January through March 1984. Dr. Bearman noted that it is her intention to continue to make the Executive Director's Report as brief as possible.

- (1) The final report of the White House Conference on Productivity entitled, "Productivity Growth -- A Better Life for America," will be released around April 16. The staff had an opportunity to review and comment on the draft report, and are pleased to report that the final report emphasizes the importance of information, and that two recommendations make specific reference to information and the private sector:

Recommendation (1): Private sector organizations should focus attention on improving technology, quality, and information resources; and

Recommendation (3): Private sector organizations should establish productivity measures and improvement goals for all employees, especially for information/white collar workers who comprise the growing majority of the workforce, and for all other measurable capital and materials resources.

EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR'S
REPORT

The staff has requested fifty copies of the report which will be sent to each Commissioner upon availability.

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- (2) On March 23, a meeting of the U.S. National Committee for the UNESCO/PGI Bureau was held in the NCLIS office. Bernard Johns, our UNESCO liaison from the State Department, gave a full report on the recent evaluation of U.S. participation in UNESCO, the plans for participation and monitoring during 1984, and the plans to identify alternative mechanisms to accomplish the objectives of UNESCO, should the U.S. carry out its intention to withdraw. A subcommittee of the U.S. National Committee was established to gather information and draft a proposal for alternative mechanisms to accomplish the objectives of the PGI. The committee's proposal is due to the State Department by mid-September. A full report of the meeting is available upon request.

Dr. Bearman has agreed to attend the USIA Book and Library Advisory Committee meeting in June in Washington, D.C., to make a presentation about the Commission and its activities. Staff of the USIA have offered to explore ways to assist the Commission with funds for participation in upcoming international conferences. In addition, the Committee has asked NCLIS assistance in helping them with plans for their participation in the Frankfurt Book Fair.

- (3) As previously reported, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has been seeking a vendor to disseminate perishable marketing data and marketing news. On March 26, the Department issued an RFP requesting technical and price proposals for the electronic storage and dissemination of perishable domestic and foreign agricultural marketing data and marketing news reports. The RFP calls for public and private dissemination of the data and information. Bids are due on May 14.

At the suggestion of Mr. Sprague, the staff will approach the Department of Defense to request resources to study the problem of timely retrieval of military publications needed by researchers and others not available through the Department of Defense Technical Information Center.

EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR'S
REPORT

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The following comments were made regarding the Executive Director's Report:

-- Mr. Sprague praised the contents of the Executive Director's report and stated that it 'keeps getting better and better'.

-- Dr. Moore stated that she finds it very helpful when the staff incorporates their personal views and objective comments. (This technique will be continued, when appropriate.)

-- Mr. Ambach suggested that the Executive Director's Report and the Program Activity Report be integrated. Dr. Bearman pointed out that they were previously combined; however, it seemed to be helpful to present the progress on the program areas separately from the one-time events and administrative matters. (Dr. Bearman made it clear that even though it is called "Executive Director's Report," the report is from the full staff.)

In the context of program budgeting and reporting and to show where the resources go, Mr. Ambach suggested that it is important to see the overall staff energy directed toward those programs. Dr. Bearman pointed out that, with the exception of the administrative items, all reported activities fit into the NCLIS program budget outline.

It was agreed that the future reports would be clustered together according to the four broad program areas. The Executive Director's Report will contain only highlighted items of special interest, under the program area categories, when appropriate, and administrative matters.

MOTION
NRISDP
NAME
CHANGE

It was **MOVED** by Margaret Warden, seconded by William Welsh, that the name of the National Rural Information Services Development Program (NRISDP) be officially changed to National Rural Library and Information Services Development Program (NRLISDP). The motion was passed unanimously.

Dr. Bearman explained that the word "Library" was not included in the FY 1984 budget statement submitted to the Office of Management and Budget and Congress in 1982. The program description, however, makes it very clear that the program is for library and information services.

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DIRECTOR'S
REPORT
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Mr. Sprague requested additional information on the Joint Committee on Printing (JCP). Dr. Bearman stated that presently JCP is revising Title 44 Regulations for the Dissemination and Printing of Government Publications. In addition, an ad hoc committee of JCP, composed of librarians and people from the information community, is looking at ways to disseminate information from the government in machine-readable form. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Peyton Neal provided additional information. He reported that the second draft report of the ad hoc committee is expected to be available for the Public Printer's Depository Library Council when they meet later in the week. Mr. Neal believes that one of the committee's recommendations will be to ask Congress to appropriate funds for a two-year pilot project of selectively supporting and making some federal machine-readable databases available to selected Depository Libraries.

Dr. Bearman reported that NCLIS did not submit comments on the draft because of its highly controversial nature. She stated that this decision was made, after consultation with the Chairman, for three reasons: (1) Preparing comments would take an extensive amount of time and would require legal expertise, which the staff does not have; (2) Both the library and information community were responding to a first, very rough draft that would be totally rewritten and our role might be to comment on their comments; and (3) The Executive and Legislative Branches are at odds with each other in this matter.

Dr. Bearman stated that as a Commission that advises both the Executive and Legislative Branches, it would not be appropriate to take sides. Dr. Bearman suggested to the Chairman that NCLIS not comment on the first draft because it is likely there will be many changes, and for the Commissioners to decide if they wished to comment on the second draft.

Mr. Juergensmeyer asked that the staff keep the Commissioners well informed and up to date on this topic and Dr. Bearman said this would be done.

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DIRECTOR'S
REPORT
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Because of the many programs, meetings, and activities contained in both the Executive Director and Progress reports, it was decided to allow additional discussion time for this topic on future agendas.

The usefulness of continuing to include background information and previous accomplishments in the Progress Reports was discussed. The majority of the Commissioners favored continuing this practice.

NATIONAL
COUNCIL ON
QUALITY
CONTINUING
LIBRARY AND
INFORMATION
SCIENCE
EDUCATION

Because the Commissioners lacked a quorum during Dr. Ruth Patrick's presentation at the January Commission meeting, she was invited to request again NCLIS sponsorship of the National Council on Quality Continuing Library and Information Science Education.

Dr. Patrick, Council Chair, was accompanied by Mr. William Asp (the Council's first chair in 1980). On behalf of the Council, they requested the Commission's assistance by: (1) endorsing, supporting, and recognizing the important work of the Council, (2) promoting and publicizing the Council's existence through NCLIS mailings, speeches, and news releases, and (3) providing NCLIS staff to assist with telephone conference calls.

MOTION
NATIONAL
COUNCIL

It was **MOVED** by Gordon Ambach, seconded by William Welsh, that the Commission (1) endorse, support, and recognize the important work of the National Council on Quality Continuing Library and Information Science Education; and (2) promote and publicize the Council's existence and worthwhile program through NCLIS mailings, speeches, and news releases. The motion carried with two "no" votes. (Paulette Holahan; Bessie Moore.)

In addition, it was **MOVED** by Paulette Holahan, seconded by Bessie Moore, that the Commission provide minimal staff time in assisting the National Council on Quality Continuing Library and Information Science Education with up to four telephone conference calls per year of fewer than five persons. The motion was passed unanimously.

COSLA

Mr. Elliot Shelkrot, Chairman, Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA), and Mr. Gary Strong, Vice Chairman, were invited by the Chairman to present information on COSLA.

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COSLA is an independent organization of the men and women who head the state and territorial agencies responsible for library development. Its purpose is to provide a continuing mechanism for dealing with the problems faced by the heads of these agencies which are responsible for state and territorial library development.

COSLA's membership consists solely of the top library officers of the 50 states and one territory who are responsible for library development, and variously designated as state librarian, director, commissioner, or executive secretary.

COSLA works within a committee structure. The current committees are: Legislation; Liaisons with NCLIS, the Library of Congress, and the Department of Education; Networking; and ad hoc special committees. The various committees study and develop policy for COSLA on a variety of issues, e.g., LSCA reauthorization. Statistics are collected on state library activities and support for library aid at the state and federal level. Copies of the collected statistics, and the latest study on state library agencies were distributed.

In describing California and its library system, Mr. Strong stated, "The State has accepted the responsibility that libraries are part of the life-long learning process and provide resources for citizens to achieve outside of the formal education system."

At Mr. Juergensmeyer's request, Mr. Strong summarized the effect of Proposition 13 in California. Mr. Strong stated that since 1978, public libraries in California have reduced by 20 percent the number of hours the libraries are open, cut the workforce by 10 percent, and reduced the buying power for library materials by 29 percent.

The Commissioners adjourned for lunch at 12:15 p.m.

DEPARTMENT
OF
EDUCATION
SEMINARS

Because a written report was not available for insertion in the meeting notebook, Miss Hashim gave a brief oral report on the Department of Education Seminar on Public Libraries, held January 31 and February 1, 1984, at the Boston Public Library. This report is appended to the minutes as Attachment I.

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OF
EDUCATION
SEMINARS
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Dr. Moore attended the seminar on Library and Information Science Education, University of California at Berkeley Library School, February 8 and 9; Mrs. Holahan attended the seminar on School Libraries, Dallas Independent School District, February 13 and 14; Mrs. Warden attended the seminar on Public Libraries; and Dr. Bearman attended the seminar on Academic Libraries, Joseph Regenstein Library, University of Chicago, February 6 and 7. Reports on each of these seminars were included in the meeting notebook.

The Commissioners discussed appropriate next steps regarding the report on "A Nation At Risk." Miss Hashim reported the Department of Education held a fifth seminar on "Linkages" as recommended by NCLIS. Mr. Ambach was invited but was unable to attend.

NARS

The Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m. to attend the presentation by Dr. Robert Warner, United States Archivist, and to tour the National Archives and Records Service (NARS).

Tuesday, April 10, 1984

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

LIBRARY
AND
INFORMATION
SERVICE
NEEDS OF
THE AGING

Dr. Moore updated the Commissioners on the Commission's Program on Library and Information Service Needs of the Aging.

An NCLIS proposal was presented to the Administration on Aging (AoA) for \$55,000. The proposal called for the establishment of a Blue Ribbon Panel to examine the library and information needs of the elderly as well as current practices in providing services to satisfy these needs. The Panel would be composed of persons knowledgeable about work with the aging -- service providers, educators, gerontologists, policy makers, and library and information professionals. The Panel would consist of 12-15 persons, meet 2-3 times over a five-month period, and issue a report no later than 30 days after the last meeting of the Panel.

The AoA informed Dr. Moore that, by law, they are prohibited from providing grants to federal agencies other than the ones mentioned in their law. They did offer, however, to place the Commission's project on their list of projects to be recommended for funding elsewhere.

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In addition, the AoA offered to work out an interagency agreement with the Commission. The interagency agreement would call for AoA to publicize libraries and to urge their field agencies to include libraries in their programs.

COSLA has expressed interest in this project and has prepared a questionnaire on library and information services to the elderly. Questions inquired about amount and percentage of service, cooperation, programs, promotion, service to centers, nursing homes, congregate housing, exemptions, volunteer use, and rural services. Forty-seven of the 50 states have responded. Copies of their responses were distributed. These responses -- in the form of statistics -- were included in Dr. Moore's written testimony urging that libraries be eligible for grants in the reauthorized Older Americans Act.

Mr. Benton suggested that both the Foundation Center in New York and Mr. William Kirby of the MacArthur Foundation in Chicago be contacted for funding suggestions for the aging project. It was agreed that a letter to Mr. Kirby could possibly 'start the ball rolling.' Mr. Benton was warmly thanked by Dr. Moore for his suggestion and offer of assistance.

HIGHER
EDUCATION
ACT

A packet of legislative material, including information on the Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, prepared by the American Library Association was distributed.

As a point of reference, Mr. Ambach outlined the portions of the Higher Education Act pertaining to library and information services:

Title II-A

College Library Resources

FY 1984 Appropriation:	-0-
FY 1985 Authorization:	\$35,000,000
FY 1985 Reagan Request:	-0-
FY 1985 ALA Recommendation:	30,000,000

Title II-B

Library Training, Research & Development

FY 1984 Appropriation:	\$880,000
FY 1985 Authorization:	35,000,000
FY 1985 Reagan Request:	-0-
FY 1985 ALA Recommendation:	10,000,000

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EDUCATION
ACT
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Title II-C
Major Research Libraries
FY 1984 Appropriation: \$ 6,000,000
FY 1985 Authorization: 15,000,000
FY 1985 Reagan Request: -0-
FY 1985 ALA Recommendation: 15,000,000

In briefly describing the status of the Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, Mr. Ambach stated there is a possibility that the Senate may attempt to hinge HEA Title II (HR 5210) to the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) (which is up for reauthorization). H.R. 5210 includes the provision that there would be an appropriation to the NCLIS of approximately \$75,000 to study the effectiveness of the criteria for the distribution of the Title II-A grants on a need basis and report to Congress by September 30, 1988. H.R. 5240 has a similar requirement for the National Institute for Education to conduct the study.

LSCA

Mr. Ambach summarized the recent history of the reauthorization of the LSCA.

The question of whether or not to approach Congressman Paul Simon regarding NCLIS' concern about combining HEA and LSCA was discussed. The majority of the Commissioners expressed interest, readiness, and willingness to undertake the study called for in H.R. 5210. Mr. Sprague offered to talk with Mr. Simon: (1) to express the Commission's interest in undertaking the study; (2) to point out that his bill calls for NIE responsibility for the study; and (3) to ask Mr. Simon if he had objections to NCLIS "forging" ahead with the Senate in the event that the bill does not go forward in the House.

ROBERT
CHARTRAND
INFORMATION
POLICY
ACTIVITIES

As part of the Commission's continuing education, Mr. Robert Lee Chartrand, Senior Specialist in Information Policy and Technology for the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress, was invited to address the Commissioners on information policy activities in the Legislative Branch. (10:15 a.m.) Miss Hashim introduced Mr. Chartrand stating, "Bob has been an invaluable partner and friend of the NCLIS, especially during the WHCLIS conference."

Mr. Chartrand handed out the following CRS publications:

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- (1) Information Policy: Public Laws from the 97th Congress, March 1983;
- (2) Issue Brief: International Data Flow Issues;
- (3) Issue Brief: Supercomputers: Foreign Competition and Federal Funding;
- (4) Report: Information Services for Agriculture: The Role of Technology;
- (5) Report: Videotex: The Technology, Policy Implications, and Status of an Emerging Industry.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Chartrand urged that when working on library legislation that there be a calculated effort to work with the key staffs on the Hill.

The major categories of legislation (over the last three Congresses (95th to 97th Congress)) in the area of federal information policy, are:

- (1) Telecommunications, Broadcasting, and Satellite Transmissions.
- (2) Information Disclosures and Confidentiality and the Right of Privacy.
- (3) Government Records, Documents, and Paperwork (Federal Information Management, Information Resources Management).
- (4) Information Inventories, Programs, and Clearinghouses.
- (5) Copyright.
- (6) Dissemination of Information.

Mr. Chartrand cited the following statistics:

95th Congress -- 74 bills passed into law in the information policy and program area;

96th Congress -- 87 bills passed into law in the information policy and program area;

97th Congress -- 39 bills passed into law in the information policy and program area;

98th Congress -- Prediction is that "well below 39" bills will be passed into law in the information policy and program area.

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ACTIVITIES
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Mr. Chartrand briefly described the various bills and activities before this year's Congress, including the LSCA amendment and extension; HEA, Title II (HR 5210); Communications Act of 1934; Institute for Information Policy and Research (H.R. 480); Increasing Charitable Contributions and Allowances by Contributing Computers to Schools and Educational Institutions; Computer Crimes (H.R. 1092); and Reorganization of the National Communications Activities of the Federal Government.

There was a brief question and answer period. On behalf of the Commission, Miss Hashim thanked Mr. Chartrand for his presentation.

THE ROLE
OF FEES IN
SUPPORTING
LIBRARY AND
INFORMATION
SERVICES

A draft outline on "The Role of Fees in Supporting Library and Information Services" was distributed for Commission review and comment.

Dr. Cuadra stated that the paper on fees for library and information services will outline: (1) what one should know, (2) what is knowable, and (3) what should be thought about. The paper may or may not contain recommendations for Commission actions. It is expected that the paper will be drafted -- in time for the July Commission meeting -- by an outside person, working with the NCLIS Committee. This will be an agenda item for the July meeting.

Mr. Ambach suggested, and the Commissioners agreed, to defer action on WHCLIST resolutions #2 and #8 pending decision on NCLIS overall program for fiscal year 1986.

IFLA 1985

Mr. Juergensmeyer reported that the Ad Hoc Committee on IFLA 1985 continues to meet and plan. Current plans call for the Information Center to be the focal point of the Conference. All types of resources for the Center are being sought and suggestions are welcome. (11:30 a.m.)

REPORT
PROGRAM
REVIEW
COMMITTEE

Mr. Alpers reported on the meeting of the NCLIS Program Review Committee held on February 20, 1984. Members of the Committee are: Helmut Alpers, Chair; Charles Benton; Carlos Cuadra; Paulette Holahan; John Juergensmeyer; Bessie Moore; Margaret Warden; Julia Wu; Elinor Hashim, Ex Officio; and Toni Carbo Bearman, Ex Officio. The Committee's charge was to develop a list of

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COMMITTEE

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suggested program areas for FY 1986 for discussion by the entire Commission at its April 1984 meeting.

Minutes of the Committee meeting, outlining the suggested program areas and suggested specific objectives, were included in the meeting notebook.

The suggested program areas were:

- (1) Using Information Effectively;
- (2) The Information Environment in the 1980's;
- (3) Information Policy;
- (4) Improving Access to Information;
- (5) Library and Information Education; and
- (6) Economics of Information Products and Services.

The Chairman asked for additional suggestions for program areas before beginning the decision-making process.

Mr. Juergensmeyer pointed out that, in his opinion, the program areas are not goal-oriented. He reiterated his dream to "promote the building of a national information system for the ordinary citizen." To have "universal access," Mr. Juergensmeyer urged answers to the following questions: How do you attain universal access for the ordinary citizen: What are the gaps, weaknesses, possibilities? How do you raise the level of the already existing system? How do you get access for the ordinary citizen to the technology network that will exist 5-10 years from now.? What are the steps we take to obtain this goal in five to ten years from now? How will our activities fit into this goal?

The Commissioners convened again after lunch at 2:00 p.m.

FY 1986
PROGRAMS

After discussing and ranking the proposed topics for NCLIS programs for Fiscal Year 1986, the Commissioners agreed on the following potential programs:

- (1) Learning to find and use information effectively;

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- (2) The information environment (in terms of the evolving societal and cultural role of libraries and of technological developments) of the 1980's;
- (3) Improving access to information;
- (4) Information for economic development;
- (5) Information for governance;
- (6) Information policy; and
- (7) Objectives and goals of the NCLIS.

At its July 9-10, 1984, meeting, the Commission will make its final decision on the programs.

Mr. Juergensmeyer noted the length of the "Work with the Executive, Legislative, Library/Information Community" portion of the Program Report as compared to the other program areas. Dr. Bearman pointed out that all programs included under Work With the Executive, Legislative, and Library/Information Community fit within one or more of the Commission's other programs. It was agreed to incorporate the work with the Executive, Legislative, and library/information community within the other major programs.

UNITED
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EXCHANGE

Ms. Mary Ghikas, Executive Director of the Universal Serials and Book Exchange, Inc. (USBE) was an observer at the meeting and was asked by the Chairman to say a few words about USBE. Ms. Ghikas stated that USBE (formerly known as United States Book Exchange) was organized in 1948. Its main objective is to promote and improve the communications, dissemination, and use of such information and knowledge for the benefit of libraries or other educational organizations. Its membership, which is rapidly growing, is open to any library that serves a constituency and is an institution or part of an institution or organization.

On behalf of the Commissioners and staff, Miss Hashim thanked Ms. Ghikas for her presentation.

UNESCO

The Commissioners discussed recent developments with regard to U.S. participation in UNESCO. Dr. Bearman stated that the State Department has



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TO : NCLIS Members

T.C.B.

FROM : Toni Carbo Bearman
Executive Director

SUBJECT: Formal Motions and Actions
NCLIS Meeting, April 9 and 10, 1984

Enclosed is a copy of the Formal Motions and Actions taken during the NCLIS meeting held April 9 and 10, 1984.

Please call Barbara (202-382-0840) by May 1 with any changes or corrections you wish to make.

Thank you.

Enclosure

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FORMAL MOTIONS AND ACTIONS

April 9 and 10, 1984

- (1) It was MOVED by Gordon Ambach, and seconded by Helmut Alpers, that the minutes of the January 5 and 6, 1984, meeting be approved as submitted. The motion was passed unanimously.
- (2) It was MOVED by Margaret Warden, seconded by William Welsh, that the name of the National Rural Information Services Development Program (NRISDP) be officially changed to National Rural Library and Information Services Development Program (NRLISDP). The motion was passed unanimously.
- (3) It was MOVED by Gordon Ambach, seconded by William Welsh, that the Commission (1) endorse, support, and recognize the important work of the National Council on Quality Continuing Library and Information Science Education; and (2) promote and publicize the Council's existence and worthwhile program through NCLIS mailings, speeches, and news releases. The motion carried with two "no" votes. (Paulette Holahan; Bessie Moore.)
- (4) In addition, it was MOVED by Paulette Holahan, seconded by Bessie Moore, that the Commission provide minimal staff time in assisting the National Council on Quality Continuing Library and Information Science Education with up to four telephone conference calls per year of fewer than five persons. The motion was passed unanimously.
- (5) It was MOVED by Jerald Newman, seconded by Helmut Alpers, that the Commission adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The United States of America has decided to withdraw its membership, support and funding activities from UNESCO in the event certain changes are not made in UNESCO operations,

BE IT RESOLVED That in the event that the United States does withdraw its membership, NCLIS will withdraw its support on UNESCO matters on the same basis and timing as official United States policy regarding this matter.

The motion was passed unanimously.

- (6) It was MOVED by Margaret Warden, seconded by Paulette Holahan, that the Commission adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED That a study and planning committee be convened by the NCLIS to examine and evaluate the concept of a National Advisory Board on Rural Information Needs (NABRIN), determine if there is a need for such a board and what its purpose would be, provided the U.S. Department of Agriculture supports this effort, and

That the planning committee be charged to prepare a report by June 30, 1984, if at all possible, or as soon thereafter as it can, on NABRIN's purpose, functions, alternative institutional locations, possible membership formats and organizational structures, and funding mechanisms.

The motion was passed unanimously.

- (7) It was MOVED by Gordon Ambach, seconded by Helmut Alpers, that an Executive Session be convened on Tuesday, July 10, 1984, to discuss personnel matters. The motion was passed unanimously.